

TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1844.

SENATE.

A communication was received from the Post Office Department, giving a synopsis of all the various mailable matter which had passed through the mail during the month of October last.

Mr. BUCHANAN presented a memorial from citizens of Western Pennsylvania, in favor of amending the Federal Constitution so as to make it set out with a clear and explicit acknowledgment of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe; also in favor of abolishing the Sunday mails.

Mr. WRIGHT presented the memorial of sundry citizens of New York, carvers and gilders, complaining that the duties on plate glass were so high that they seriously injured the business of manufacturing looking-glasses.

Mr. TAPPAN presented the request of the heirs of Col. Trumbull, that Congress would purchase certain original valuable papers in their possession, relative to the treaty of '94, commonly called Jay's Treaty.

MR. McDUFFIE'S BILL.

Mr. EVANS moved to take up the report of the Committee on Finance upon the bill introduced by the Senator from South Carolina.

(This report declares the bill to be one for raising revenue, which by the Constitution can not originate with the Senate, and, therefore, resolves, that it be indefinitely postponed.)

A question arose as to the manner in which the report should be considered, whether upon the resolution alone, or upon the bill itself.

Mr. EVANS said that the committee had reported a simple resolution, which must be regarded as a test question; if the Senate concurred with the resolution, then the whole subject would be dismissed—if otherwise, then the bill would be open to discussion.

Mr. KING insisted that the merits of the bill itself were before the Senate. The Chair was inclined to regard the resolution of the Committee as in the light of an adverse report, which opened the merits of the whole subject.

Messrs. EVANS, BERRIEN, and HUNTINGTON, contended that the preliminary question of the jurisdiction of the Senate ought first to be settled; that it would be idle to discuss a bill and propose amendments to it, while the first point, of the Senate's power over the subject matter, was undecided.

Mr. KING finally quieted the argument by agreeing for his friend from South Carolina, that the question should be on the indefinite postponement. The Senator from South Carolina could say what he pleased under this question.

Mr. EVANS then stated briefly the grounds upon which the committee had reported the resolution. It was a plain question, and one that was contained within very narrow limits. It was a question of importance, and he was not aware that any of precisely the same character had ever been distinctly presented to the Senate.

The compromise Act was introduced and discussed here, but no action was taken on it, but that of laying it on the table. A bill similar, if not identical with it, was afterwards introduced from the House, and passed. The whole question turned simply upon the literal meaning of the words "raising revenue." What was a bill to raise revenue? He was quite willing to admit that this bill proposed to reduce duties on imports, but the idea seemed to be entertained that because the bill reduced duties, it was not a bill for raising revenue. The idea was that the word raise was equivalent in meaning to augment, or increase, and that the word duties was equivalent to revenue. Now this was not so; revenue is derived in part from duties, but it means income, from all ordinary sources of income; and the word raise, as used in the Constitution, means to collect, supply, or furnish.

If the bill proposed by the Senator from South Carolina was not a bill to raise revenue, what was it? Certainly it was a bill repealing one form of raising revenue, and substituting another. Mr. E. concluded by referring to the debates in the convention, and shewed that this very question was, at that time, so warmly contested as even to hazard the report of the framers of the Constitution.

Mr. McDUFFIE said he intended to avail himself of the decision of the Chair, and meant to discuss the merits of the bill, as well as the preliminary question; as this would protract the debate, he would give way to any member of the committee who desired to speak upon the preliminary question.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the minority of the committee, gave his views in opposition to those of the majority. He asked what were many of the bills in reference to public lands and the post office which had originated in the Senate but bills to raise revenue, on the broad ground assumed by the chairman of the committee? He cited several cases, and particularly the force bill, to prove that this power had always been exercised by the Senate.

Mr. HUNTINGTON followed, and when Mr. McDUFFIE rose, the hour being late, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A motion was made that the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives, be granted to the American Colonization Society for an adjourned meeting to be held this evening.

Mr. BLACK, of Ga., objected.

A motion was made to suspend the rules to receive the resolution. No quorum.

Mr. BLACK moved a call of the House, upon which motion it was found a second time that the House was without a quorum.

A motion was made to adjourn, and the yeas and nays were called. The vote was 1 in the affirmative and 158 in the negative.

A quorum being present, the question recurred upon a suspension of the rules. The yeas and nays were ordered and the rules suspended. Aye 129, Nays 47.

The resolution was then adopted.

TWENTY-FIRST RULE.

Mr. ADAMS called for the orders of the day, and the report of the Select Committee upon the Rules and Orders was taken up.

The motion pending was to recommit the report, with instructions to retain the 21st (now 25th) rule.

Mr. COBB, of Ga., rose to occupy the remainder of his hour. He spoke with great vehemence against the recommitment of the rule, and warned the House not to do this act. The next step, if this was taken, would be a claim of the Abolitionists to have their prayers granted; and, although

he did not like to put arguments into their mouths, of all persons, yet he must admit there would be force in the argument, that having let in the petition, you ought to grant the prayer.

Mr. HUDSON rejoiced that the time had come when this question could be discussed with candor and moderation. The right of petition was as sacred, if not more so, as the freedom of speech. In alluding to the undoubted power of Congress over the institution of slavery in the District of Columbia, Mr. H. said, that until lately, it was admitted by persons from every section of the Union. Virginia had even proposed that the Constitution should be so amended that Congress should not abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, without the consent of the States of Maryland and Virginia. All the States had legislated upon this subject—the free States, to abolish slavery; the slave States, generally, to modify it. The State Constitutions generally gave powers over this subject.

[Some gentleman from Alabama here observed that the Constitution of that State was silent on this subject.]

Other States, said Mr. H. have entertained the subject in their Constitutions.

The Speaker's hammer fell before the expiration of the one hour of Mr. H., the morning hour having expired.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

Several communications of this character were laid before the House. The most important was one declining to give the correspondence of the Government for the past two months on the subject of the Oregon Territory, on the ground of its incompatibility with public interest, as a minister from England was shortly expected here to negotiate the matter.

STEAMBOATS.

A bill was twice read, providing for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of steamboats.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

Mr. GILMER endeavored to get in a bill for separating the Public Printing from the political press, but it was objected to, and the House then went into Committee of the Whole. Mr. WINTHROP in the Chair, upon the reference of the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. STEWART, of Pa. took the floor, and took up the gauntlet which the gentleman from Ohio had thrown out; to wit: that he (Mr. WELLER) would take the brand of untruth upon himself, if he did not prove the falsity of Mr. STEWART'S statement in reference to Mr. Van Buren. Mr. S. then reiterated these statements, verifying them by appeals to the record, and, at a successive argument, telling the gentleman from Ohio take the brand of untruth.

Mr. S. having concluded, Mr. C. JOHNSON moved that the subject be taken out of committee for final action on Saturday at 2 o'clock, which motion prevailed, and the House adjourned.

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STATIONERY.

Ruled and plain cap papers, ruled and plain letter papers, full and half bound ledgers, full and half bound day books, steel pens, quills, blue and black inks, black sand, wafers, sealing wax, India rubber, port folios, inkstands of ebony, glass, cork, &c., drawing pencils, common lead pencils, fine and common crayons, miniature ivory, miniature cases, slates in wood and paper, blue and white bonnet boards, playing cards, visiting cards, penholders, paper knives, &c., indelible ink.

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Tuck, side, nick, pocket, dressing, riding combs hair, tooth, nail, comb, dusting, health, shaving, and shoe brushes.

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This is one of the few done by that artist, and probably the only one for sale in the States.

Jan 19—31 R. W. DYER & CO.

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GROCERIES—I have in store 50 bags of coffee, of various qualities. Sperm oil, warranted, \$1 per gallon. Sperm candles, raisins, currants, citron. Almonds, &c., buckwheat.

Loaf, crushed, and brown sugars.

14 dozen baskets, 22 dozen brooms.

Fancy soaps, and spices of all kinds.

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FANCY NOTE PAPERS, ENVELOPES, &c.—A splendid assortment of note papers, plain, gilt embossed and lace bordered; do. do. envelope of numerous sizes and patterns; pearl and ivory carved folders of richest patterns; seals of pearl, ivory, and glass, plain and with mottoes of best impression; ladies' work boxes; fancy sealing wax motto wafers in boxes; assorted m-trees; card case of carved ivory and pearl, of the richest style of patterns; cards for baskets; perforated and cristo boards, and plain and embossed visiting cards; for sale by WM. F. BAYLY, nov 6—6m Penn. av. between 11th and 12th sts.

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2 cases of Lubin's and Prevost's best extracts for the handkerchief, containing 500 different odors.

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Best Paris Kid Gloves, all colors, for ladies and gentlemen's wear.

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Shell Tuck, Side, and Dressing Combs.

French Buffalo Tuck and Dressing do.

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12 dozen Fancy Combs, for balls and parties, just opened.

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50 dozen fine French Hair Brushes.

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With a few dozen pots of very old Naples Soap.

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Ladies' Work Boxes, Toilet Bottles.

Gold and gilt Studs, Silver Trimbles.

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Washington city, Jan. 18—1m

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C. H. WILTBERGER, Register. dec. 28—3w

SHAVING AND HAIR CUTTING—GEORGE W. BURGESS, Fashionable Hair Cutter and Barber, wishes to inform the public and the citizens generally that he has opened his dressing-room on H, between 6th and 7th streets, where he earnestly invites those who are fond of easy shaving, and to have their hair cut to their own liking, to give him a call. He cuts and trims hair in all the various fashions of the day.

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CIGARS! CIGARS!! CIGARS!!!—Just received a prime lot of Cigars, sold very cheap, of large size, for 66 per thousand. W. H. WINTER, No. 6, east of Gadsby's, sign of Jim Crow. Jan 10—1w

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259 Lanca-ter do

350 Maccabau do

181 Imitation do

120 Fine Scotch

20 do do No 1 and 2, in bottles

167 Natchitoches

12 dozen do do in bottles

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10 dozen Maccabau de la Martinique de chez Jos. Lamorelle